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Friday, 24 September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for reading the letter sent yesterday and supporting our reintroduction of some Covid-19 safe measures. We are very much hoping to avoid reverting to split break and lunch times, so are working hard to find a different way to run Covid-19 safe social time in the school day. More information will follow when arrangements are confirmed.

Linked to this, I am writing to inform you of some changes to events forthcoming.

**Open Evening / Morning**

We have been looking forward to meeting prospective parents on our scheduled Open Events (including our Open Evening on 30<sup>th</sup> September, and Open Morning on 01<sup>st</sup> October). However, it is with great disappointment that I write to inform you of necessary changes to our plans.

Unfortunately, following an increase in Covid-19 confirmed cases in Church Stretton School, Public Health Shropshire have requested that we re-introduce some measures to mitigate the spread of Covid-19, whilst we monitor the number of confirmed cases reported to us. We are aware the same request has been made to several other local schools.

Our Trust has worked with us to carefully monitor the Shropshire and local infection rates, including other local schools. The Trust has agreed with us that unfortunately, we cannot safely run large scale Open Events for parents and pupils this September / October, nor can we operate classroom-based tours when our schools are open to pupils. Sarah Godden, our CEO, has commented to us that Open Events, by their very natures, bring families together from a large number of primary schools and from different geographical areas, and that such events would in all likelihood, significantly increase infections across primary schools. It has therefore been our joint decision that the responsible thing to do is to move to alternatives, where we can reduce mixing across schools, keeping our school communities safe and others too. A dedicated letter about the new arrangements is available on our school website which has been sent to our feeder Primary Schools to circulate to parents / carers.

**Please note that school will not close early on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September and School Transport will run as normal at the end of the day.**

**Year 7 'Meet the Tutor' event**

Thank you to parents/carers who have expressed an interest in coming to school to meet your child's Form Tutor on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Unfortunately, we will not be able to proceed with a face-to-face meeting, in line with the above safety precautions. Therefore, we will be moving to a virtual meeting through the 'School Cloud' system, whereby parents/carers can book a meeting online with their Child's Tutor. More information will follow about this next week explaining how the system works and how to make an appointment.

**Sponsored Walk**

At present, we are still planning for our whole school Sponsored Walk which, being an outdoor event, may still be able to take place. It would be lovely to get students and staff out in the fresh air, however we may need to make a decision about this running depending on the rate of infection.

**Other events**

We will make a decision about future events involving parent / carers or others visiting the school on an ongoing basis which may require an adjustment to how we do things or whether events can run safely. Thank you for your understanding and apologies for any inconvenience with this at what remains a challenging time for all.

Kind regards

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